

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14 and 15 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 6 and 10 being amended and claims 4 and 5 being cancelled by this response.

Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract is objected to as not being in the proper language and format. The Abstract has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to be in the correct language and format. In view of the amendments to the Abstract, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to Claims 1 and 4-12

Claims 1 and 4-12 are objected to for certain informalities. The Claims have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to correct typographical errors. In view of the amendments to the Claims, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Citron et al. in view of Lui. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 and thus claim 1 is also allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments to claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 4 and 5, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 2 and 4 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Citron et al. in view of Lui and further in view of Bierend. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 and thus claim 1 is also allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. Claim 2 is dependent on claim 1 and thus is also allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the cancellation of claims 4 and 5 and the dependence of claim 2 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Citron et al. in view of Lui and Bierend further in view of Kleeman. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 and thus claim 1 is also allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled. Claim 3 is dependent on claim 1 and thus is also allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1, the cancellation of claims 4 and 5 and the dependence of claim 3 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

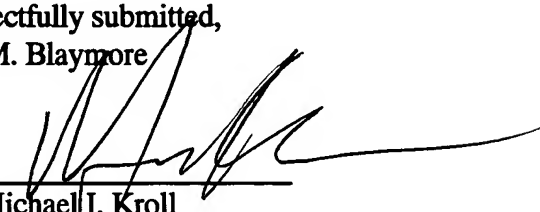
Claims 5-12 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled and the limitations of claims 4 and 5 have been placed in claim 1. Thus claim 1 is now allowable. As all remaining claims (claims 1-3 and 6-12) are dependent on claim 1 they are also allowable. As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

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